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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2006 HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lester Muraoka called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. with a quorum present. He mentioned that there was an accident on Kalanianaʻole Highway and the videographers were not present yet. Also, there may be a few more Board of Education (BOE) candidates arriving soon. He mentioned that Board members Dolores Elms-Beattie and Richard Halverson were excused and Board member David Livingston would be arriving late.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lester Muraoka, Bob Clark, Marian Grey, Jeanette Hanson, Mary Houghton, Donald Huff, Greg Knudsen (7:17 p.m.), Wayne Levy (7:23 p.m.), David Livingston (7:32 p.m.), Tony Paresa, Elizabeth Reilly, Jim Sharp and John Steinmiller.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dolores Elms-Beattie (excused) and Richard Halverson (excused).

GUESTS: Russ Saito (Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Senator Sam Slom, Senator Fred Hemmings, Representative Lyla Berg, Sid Quintal (Director, Department of Enterprise Services, Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative); Councilmember Charles Djou and Francisco Figueiredo (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office staff); Captain Robert Thomas (Honolulu Fire Department); Captain R. Green, Acting Lt. H. Ishida, Sgt. Maurice Asato and Officer Jason Hendricks (Honolulu Police Department); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply), Murray Luther (Hawaii Kai Booster), Herb Schreiner, Maureen Muraoka, R.T. Hawkins, Mike Gallo, Shirley Roper, Harry Blanchette, Don Posto, Linda Posto, Franco Mancassola, Maureen Mancassola, David and Liz Matthews, Dan Clement, Stephanie Spangler, Sheridan Spangler (Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2), Gayle Carr (Livable Hawaii Kai Hui), Tom Yamabe (Farmer), Steve Carr, Andrew Constantaras, Sue Jennings, Claire teGroen, Marsha Joyner, Amy and David Monk, Kendys Fukuda (Hawaiian Electric Co. [HECO]), Natalie Iwasa, Ivan Har, Tim Mason, Cynthia Stuhlmiller, Tom Cross, Ian Arakaki (Limtiaco Consulting Group); Gene Ward; Board of Education candidates- Eileen Ishihara Clarke (Central District), Kris DeRego and Paul Vierling (Windward District), and Michael Bass, Darwin Ching, Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, Henry W. Hoeft, Jr., Kim Coco Iwamoto, Karen Knudsen, Liam Skilling, Terrance Tom and Ruth Tschumy (At Large); Makakilo.com, Malia Zimmerman (*Hawaii Reporter*), Suzanne Roig (*Honolulu Advertiser*), Pam Kim, David Hucks, A.J. Halagao (WeLoveHawaiiKai.com), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 27, 2006 AND JULY 25, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As the minutes of the June 27, 2006 and July 25, 2006 meeting minutes were mailed out late, Board member Elizabeth Reilly was not able to review them completely and asked Chair Muraoka to defer them to the next meeting. Board member Bob Clark added that he just picked up the minutes before the meeting. Chair Muraoka deferred these items to the next meeting. To save time, corrections may be e-mailed to Neighborhood Assistant Ho.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer Jeanette Hanson reported that as of August 22, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 budget for the Operating Account was \$1,520.00. With expenditures of \$5.09 for the printing of agenda/minutes, \$42.12 for the mailout of agenda/minutes and \$15.24 for facility rental for May/June, the Operating Account balance is \$1457.55. The FY 2007 budget for the Publicity Account was \$1,993.00. With expenditure of \$208.33 for videotaping in July, the Publicity Account balance is \$1,784.67. The FY 2007 budget for the Refreshment Account was \$120.00. With no expenditures, the Refreshment Account balance is \$120.00. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read, subject to audit.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- No report.

STATUS REPORTS: Chair Muraoka requested that the speakers make their reports as brief as possible to allow more time for the Board of Education Candidates Forum.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)- Captain Robert Thomas, Hawaii Kai Fire Station, reported the following:

1. August was a busy month. There were 54 medical calls for service, 5 structure fires, including a major one, 2 brush and 1 vehicle fires. There were 16 miscellaneous calls, which includes lock-ins and assisting people.
2. Safety Tip- August is the start of a new school year. Be careful while driving around schools and be aware of students crossing the street. Take the time to teach your children how to cross the street safely and remind them to call 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

Board member Houghton asked about the fire near the Hawaii Kai golf course. Captain Thomas replied that the cause of the fire is still under investigation, but they think it was maliciously set, as it started by the side of the road.

Chair Muraoka thanked Captain Thomas.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)- Acting Lt. H. Ishida reported the following:

1. The written report for District 7, July 2006, included a map of the beats: For Beat 774, there were 2 burglaries (+2 from June 2006), 1 theft (-5 from June 2006) and 1 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle (UEMV) (-1 from June 2006). For Beat 776, there were 0 burglaries (same as June 2006), 2 thefts (-3 from June 2006) and 2 UEMV (+1 from June 2006). For Beat 778, there were 0 burglaries (same as June 2006), 1 theft (+1 from June 2006) and 1 UEMV (-1 from June 2006). For Beat 780, there were 0 burglaries (same as June 2006), 4 thefts (+1 from June 2006) and 4 UEMV (-7 from June 2006). For Beat 782, there was 1 burglary (same as June 2006), 0 thefts (same as June 2006) and 4 UEMV (+3 from June 2006). For Beat 784, there were 0 burglaries (same as June 2006), 2 thefts (+2 from June 2006) and 2 UEMV (-4 from June 2006). The report had bar charts, which showed a six-month comparison.
2. There was a report from the Narcotics/Vice Division of nine new complaints (two from Hawaii Kai) and three prior complaints were closed (none from Hawaii Kai).
3. The HPD report also included some tips about "Protect Yourself From Telephone Fraud" by the National Crime Prevention Council.

Questions, answers and comments followed. Chair Muraoka reminded the public to line up at the microphone and introduce themselves before speaking.

1. Resident Cynthia Stuhlmiller requested an update on the slowing down of speeding traffic by 7007 Hawaii Kai Drive. Acting Lt. Ishida mentioned that they requested a speed sign from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and that HPD has on-going enforcement of speeding and traffic assessment. Chair Muraoka asked for an update at the next meeting.
2. Resident Shirley Roper lives on Lunalilo Home Road and was also concerned about speeding. Captain R. Green reported that HPD issues 100 citations a week. They received a Federal grant for a project to increase speed enforcement and pedestrian safety. Captain Green welcomed suggestions of which areas to target. He expects a decrease in the number of speeders.

Chair Muraoka thanked the HPD.

Board of Water Supply (BWS)- Lorna Heller distributed her monthly report and highlighted the following:

1. There were three main breaks in July. On July 6 at 136 Hanohano Place, a four-inch ductile iron main broke. It was fifteen years old. On July 24 at 723 Hahaione Street, an eight-inch ductile iron main broke. It was fourteen years old. On July 25 at Niumalu Loop and Paoo Street, an eight-inch cast iron main broke it was twenty-six years old.
2. The Board of Water Supply wants to remind you that if you still haven't done so, it's never too late to put your hurricane preparedness kit together. An important component of any kit is a safe drinking water

supply, and we've included a handout with information with tips on how best to get potable water stored in your house.

Also included is information about what BWS personnel do in the event of a water emergency, plus other water emergency tips.

3. Beginning on July 15 through September, all water bills will include a bill stuffer on the water rate increases that were adopted by the Board of Water Supply and will go into effect on October 1. The bill stuffer will show the revised water rate schedule and explain the need for the increases.
4. Please mark your calendars for the yearly Board of Water Supply information session for Neighborhood Board members, tentatively set for Saturday, September 30, 2006, at the Mission Memorial auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It's a chance for you to learn more about how the Board of Water Supply continues to provide "Water for Life." Board members can expect a letter or e-mail from us within the next month with more information.
5. Water Conservation Tip: While fertilizers promote plant growth, they also increase water consumption. Apply the minimum amount of fertilizer needed.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

Murray received something in the mail about the water rate increases and asked about the estimated pipe life. Heller would follow up.

Chair Muraoka thanked Heller.

Board Announcements-

Board member Reilly reported that on August 3, the Kailua Neighborhood Board voted unanimously to keep Ka Iwi area undeveloped. She also received an e-mail from Senator Fred Hemmings against Ka Iwi development.

Chair Muraoka thanked Reilly.

The two videographers arrived.

Committee Reports-

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO)- Committee Chair Donald Huff reported on his committee meeting held at 5:30 p.m. this evening. He had Gordon Lum, Executive Director of Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), Pat Lee for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) and Toru Hamayasu from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS). He wants to invite them back in November at 5:30 p.m. before the November 28 regular Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meeting.

Parks and Recreation- Committee Chair Mary Houghton had no report.

Transportation- No report.

Health & Safety- Committee Chair John Steinmiller mentioned that an electronic speed indicator was placed on Keahole Street between Costco and Kalaniana'ole Highway, but he would follow up with the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) for an electronic speed indicator by Safeway. He contacted the Hawaii American Water Co. about the recent sewer break. They tested the water and they posted signs up on Portlock. Steinmiller would like to request blinking yellow lights on Lunalilo Home Road.

Chair Muraoka reminded Steinmiller that items for the City departments should come up during the Mayor's representative Quintal's report.

(7:32 p.m.) Board member Livingston entered the meeting

Planning and Zoning- Committee Chair Robert Clark read the following letter from Mr. Henry Eng, Director of Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP):

"Thank you for your letter dated July 20, 2006, expressing the Neighborhood Board's opposition to the proposed Mauuwai and Queen's Rise development plans. As you indicate in the letter, the Department of Planning and Permitting has not received an application from Westwood Development Group for use of the properties. In fact, we have not received any communication from Westwood regarding plans for future development.

Please be aware that the properties are located in the P-2 General Preservation District. Section 21-3.40 of the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) states that the purpose of the District is to preserve and manage major open space and recreation\ lands and lands of scenic and other natural resource value. As such, uses related to "resort" or "hotel" type development would not be permitted nor would an application be accepted for processing. The LUO, however, does permit outdoor recreation facilities to be located in the P-2 District after receiving a Conditional Use Permit (Minor) from this department. Further, Section 21-5.660 of the LUO permits vacation cabins as an accessory use to outdoor recreation facilities in the P-2 District. A Minor Conditional Use permit does not require a public hearing for outdoor recreation facilities.

Please be assured that our department will carefully review all aspects of any proposal brought before us on P-2 Preservation lands in the Hawaii Kai area, and we will welcome and consider all comments from the neighborhood board and the community.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Art Challacombe, Acting Branch Chief of our Land Use Permits Division at 527-5374."

Legislation, Ethics & Policy- Committee Chair Tony Paresa thanked the Board of Education (BOE) candidates for coming tonight and mentioned the candidates forum next month will cover Representative Districts 17 and 18 and Senate District 25.

Communications- Committee Chair Rich Halverson had no report.

Education- Committee Chair David Livingston had no report.

Community Relations- Committee Chair Jeanette Hanson had no report.

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Advisory- Committee Chair Wayne Levy had no report.

Chair's Announcements- Chair Muraoka mentioned that he received a few copies of "Wetlands of East Oahu-Hawaii Kai Environs" by Concerned Citizens of Hawaii. He distributed them to Board members. Board member Reilly asked if this was for an agenda item. Chair Muraoka replied that it was for information only.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES: Chair Muraoka reminded speakers to line up and introduce themselves, then briefly share the issue.

1. Gene Ward had an update on the petition drive which started after the Mayor's town meeting in Hawaii Kai, in opposition to the Ka Iwi development. They had a door to door petition drive and they collected 500 signatures. Ward acknowledged Pam Kim for going door to door to get a lot of signatures. Last Tuesday the developers filed for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), but the newspaper article came out last Friday. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has until this Friday to respond. Yesterday, they had a rally at Honolulu Hale and told the Mayor "No Cabins on Ka Iwi" and "Save our Shoreline." Ward acknowledged Dave Matthews for his inspirational work on "Save Sandy Beach" and Board member Reilly for her comments. Also yesterday, Mayor's representative Quintal accepted the petition with the 500 signatures. Ward added that the most successful part of the town meeting was when they asked for a show of hands of how many people were opposed to the "vacation cabins." Two to three hundred hands went up. He asked for a show of hands of the people in the audience how many people opposed the Ka Iwi development and almost every hand was raised. Ward had a seven-minute DVD by the Livable Hawaii Kai Hui. Chair Muraoka suggested that he give it to Mayor's representative Quintal. Ward reminded everyone to sign the petition in the back and he had a handout on the "10-day Count

Down on Permit Process." Tomorrow is "Call the Mayor Day," Thursday is "Call the Developer Day" and Friday is "D-Day for Permit."

Chair Muraoka mentioned that the Board had voted unanimously to oppose the Ka Iwi developments and urged Ward and the public to keep up the "pressure" and the "volume" of the opposition.

Chair Muraoka thanked Ward.

2. Resident Natalie Iwasa mentioned that she was late for the meeting and would e-mail corrections to the minutes to Neighborhood Assistant Ho. (She e-mailed the following corrections to the Hawaii Kai July 25, 2006 regular meeting minutes:

Page 5, at the bottom, it should read, "Concerning speeding downhill on Kaluanui Road, in October 2005, the Mariners Ridge Traffic Safety Committee proposed five options in a survey. There were more than 40 responses, most favoring re-engineering the road. Last month the Board heard about the pilot project. Mike Oshiro, from Department of Transportation Services (DTS), said they were not going to revise the plan. Councilmember Djou is aware that Iwasa thinks the plan may be more hazardous. Iwasa has started a petition and 58 people signed the petition, 48 were residents. Only 3 to 5 percent of the people she spoke with were in favor of the project. She will send the results of the survey to Melvin Kaku, Director of DTS, and update the board at the next meeting.")

Last month, she had mentioned that she would update the Board on the pilot project on Kaluanui Road. She believes that the pilot project would be more hazardous for bicycle riders traveling up the hill. She started a petition opposing the pilot project and of the 102 residents surveyed, 78 percent don't want the pilot project. She will present copies of the petition to Councilmember Djou and Mayor's representative Quintal.

She was surprised to hear that the Koko Head Elementary School, Hahaione Elementary School and Kaiser High School did not know about the Board of Education Candidates Forum tonight. She suggested that the Communications Committee Chair target groups to publicize areas of interest, like for sewers to target maintenance or homeowners associations or to target the schools for education forums, to get more residents involved in the community. She offered to work with the Communications Committee Chair. Chair Muraoka thanked Iwasa for her offer.

3. Mariners Ridge resident Andrew Constantaras has worked with Mike Oshiro from Department of Transportation Services (DTS) on the pilot project on Kaluanui Road. The plan is to award the design contract within the next month and the construction contract in December 2006 or January 2007. The pilot project is approved by the DTS and supported by the Mariners Ridge Traffic Safety Committee. The pilot project is to last for six months and the DTS would monitor traffic and accidents. Then, they would evaluate the pilot project. Chair Muraoka urged everyone to work with Transportation Committee Chair Dolores Elms-Beattie, who would monitor the pilot project for the Board. Chair Muraoka thanked Constantaras.

Board member Houghton reminded the Board that Iwasa attended many meetings and should be included in design part of the pilot project. Chair Muraoka acknowledged that Iwasa suggested bike lanes, as she reported that there were two accidents per month. He suggested that Iwasa work with the Transportation Committee Chair. Chair Muraoka thanked Houghton.

3. Sheridan Spangler, Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 member, asked how could a developer come to the Neighborhood Board and give a minimal "conceptual" presentation. He could not answer questions about traffic studies, etc. Previously, the developers had to present to the Board the plans that they would submit to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and answer questions. Spangler would like the Board to ask Director Henry Eng of the DPP why is there a break down in the process. Chair Muraoka thanked Spangler and suggested that Mayor's representative Quintal may answer her question. Chair Muraoka added that Mayor Hannemann said at the town meeting that the work of the Neighborhood Board is very valuable and that he wants to visit our Board in the future. Chair Muraoka had spoken with the Mayor last Friday on Ka Iwi.

4. Kalama Valley resident David Hucks reported that the District 17 Democrats voted to oppose the Ka Iwi "vacation cabins" and they would send a letter to the Chair. Chair Muraoka suggested that they also send or fax a letter to the Mayor and to Mr. Eng.
5. Concerning the Ka Iwi developments, A.J. Halagao, WeLoveHawaiiKai.com, has assembled a legal defense team and he has written a Ka Iwi brief. He will give copies to the Livable Hawaii Kai Hui, Mayor's representative Quintal and Councilmember Djou. Chair Muraoka thanked Halagao and requested a copy of the brief for Planning and Zoning Committee Chair Bob Clark.
6. Marsha Joyner reported that the District 18 Democrats also voted to support the opposition to the Ka Iwi cabins and will send a letter to Mr. Eng. Chair Muraoka thanked Joyner.
7. Resident Mike Gallo expressed his concern about the trash at Makapuu and the absence of trash containers. Chair Muraoka would ask Governor's representative Russ Saito to follow up. Chair Muraoka thanked Gallo.
8. Ian Arakaki, from the Limtiaco Consulting Group for Hawaii American Water Co., gave an update on the sewer rehabilitation project on Lunalilo Home Road. They have installed 6,000 feet of sewer liner and are 99 percent complete. However, for the last 50 feet, they have encountered unforeseen conditions. They plan to finish up one by-pass project in the next month and come back with a smaller by-pass in two months. He would update the Board.

The smoke testing of the sewer lines in the Hahaione Valley started yesterday and should finish in a week or two. He will give an update next time.

Concerning the sewer spill on August 13, a vehicle trying to make a U-turn, ran over the by-pass and broke it. Signs were posted. Water samples were tested.

Arakaki handed out a flyer on the interim rate increases, which was mailed to Hawaii American Water customers last Friday. A single-family home would be billed \$109.10 bimonthly and multi-family units would be billed \$91.50 bimonthly. Last month, Board member Steinmiller had asked about the rate increases.

Steinmiller asked how long did it take for the water to test "clear" after the accidental sewage spill and he will call Arakaki about the specific questions on the rate increases. Arakaki's phone number is 596-7790.

As to testing the water every day, Arakaki would take that and other questions back to Hawaii American Water Co. for responses. He could follow up with Chair Muraoka. Chair Muraoka added that the smoke testing did not mean that there was a fire. Chair Muraoka thanked Arakaki.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative- (8:00 p.m.) Chair Muraoka requested that Sid Quintal, Director of Enterprise Services Department, speak about the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) response to the "vacation cabins" application. Mayor's representative Quintal responded that the Ka Iwi "vacation cabins" issue is a very highly-charged and emotional one. As he received the petitions yesterday, he said that it is wonderful to live in America, where we can exercise our Constitutional rights. However, we also have to allow due process to anyone who submits an application to DPP. Director Eng has followed the "letter of the law" as to procedure and has reviewed the application. He should have a public answer by Friday, September 1.

To save time, Chair Muraoka requested that Quintal submit his report to Neighborhood Assistant Ho to be included in the minutes. The following is Mayor's representative Quintal's report.

1. When is the blessing and dedication of the Koko Head archery range? How can the Board put a plaque on a park bench? The estimated completion date of the archery range is mid-September 2006.

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) response was- The cost to donate a Park Standard Bench (Eagle Brook 9876 Victorian seat with back) is \$1,270.00. To place this bench on a concrete pad (7'X4') is approximately an additional \$1,350.

The cost to place a plaque on a dedicated park bench is \$8.00 for the plaque, and \$0.75 per letter plus GE Tax. The size of the plaque measures 6"X3" and the inscription can read: Donated by...; Donated by the Family/Friends of... or Donated on Behalf of....

Anyone interested in dedicating a park bench and installing a plaque anywhere in our park system is invited to call Mr. Clifford (CJ) Jamile of the Department of Parks and Recreation at 692-5852 for additional details.

2. The Board would like to thank the Mayor and all of the Cabinet members for coming out to Hawaii Kai for the town meeting. The Board invites the Mayor to attend a Neighborhood Board meeting.

The response was- The Mayor has been asked by many boards to attend their meetings and welcomes the opportunity to visit every board as his schedule permits.

3. Why is there \$120.00 in the refreshment budget? The Board has voted not to spend it for at least the last five years.

The Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) response was- The \$120 refreshment budget allotted for each Board is also used to purchase lei for special occasions. If the Board chooses not to expend it, it will go back to the general fund. We are also planning to revise board monthly statements to show a "lump sum" budget.

4. Please give us the name of the DTS representative by the August 22 agenda deadline. Please notify Neighborhood Assistant K. Russell Ho at 523-4944 or kho4@honolulu.gov. The meeting is to discuss future plans for transportation projects for Hawaii Kai and to answer residents' questions concerning the proposed rail system ending at the UH-Manoa. (Would there be increased express bus service from Hawaii Kai and more parking spaces for Hawaii Kai drivers? Would the rail system eventually go to Hawaii Kai?)

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) response was- Toru Hamayasu, Chief of the Transportation Planning, will be representing DTS.

5. The Board requested an electronic speed indicator on Keahole Street between the Hawaii Kai Shopping Center and the Hawaii Kai Town Center (going makai).

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) response was- The District 7 (East Honolulu) officers were asked to increase their enforcement in the area for speeding violations. From August 7 to 9, 2006, ten speeding citations and seven Traffic Safety Awareness Cards were issued. Officers will continue to monitor the area and take enforcement action for observed violations.

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) response was- On August 10, 2006, a speed trailer was set up at Keahole Street across from the Tesoro gas station.

6. The dust screens at the end of Hawaii Kai Drive, near Mariners Cove (off of Lunalilo Home Road) have come down, but the poles remain and are a danger to children playing on them. (NOTE: This request is from the April meeting. Board member Elizabeth Reilly asked Councilmember Djou to follow again at the June meeting. Councilmember Djou was not present at the July meeting, so she is asking Mayor's representative Quintal to follow up again on the poles.) Board member Reilly asked if there were any active permits for that location.

The response was- While the DPP continues to investigate the situation, we wish to emphasize that the poles are on private property and that parents should be advised not to allow children to enter the private property without owners' permission.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Board member Reilly gave Mayor's representative Quintal some information from 1987 about the Ka Iwi area. He would add it to the Ka Iwi brief.

2. Board member Grey was at the Mayor's town meeting. After the meeting, she asked Mr. Eng how he would notify groups about the Ka Iwi application. Eng said he would notify the Neighborhood Board Chairs in the area. Grey found out about the application from the news media. She wanted to ask Mr. Eng if he notified the Board Chairs. Mayor's representative Quintal would follow up.
3. Board member Huff asked about the sweeping of the town-bound bike lane on Kalanianaʻole Highway between Niu Valley and West Hind Drive. Mayor's representative Quintal referred him to Governor's representative Saito.
4. Board member Steinmiller mentioned that after turning right on Lunalilo Home Road onto Hawaii Kai Drive, there is a blinking yellow light, warning drivers of a big curve ahead. He would like to request one for 7007 Hawaii Kai Drive. Mayor's representative Quintal responded that the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is doing a traffic study for that area and he would follow up.
5. Sheridan Spangler, Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2, asked again how does a developer give a "conceptual" presentation and not have answers about a traffic study or environmental assessment, then goes to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and file an application. Mayor's representative Quintal responded that the application for the type of permit does not require a public hearing. The developers were only required to make a presentation to the Board. Chair Muraoka suggested changing the laws. Spangler suggested that they require the developers to answer the community's questions. Mayor's representative Quintal would follow up and get back to Chair Muraoka.
6. Natalie Iwasa presented the petition against the pilot project on Kaluanui Road to Mayor's representative Quintal.

Chair Muraoka commended and thanked the Mayor's representative Quintal for his efforts and support.

Councilmember Charles Djou- Councilmember Djou distributed his newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. The developers for the Ka Iwi cabins submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which they feel is a permitted use on P-2 preservation land. They submitted an application, which the DPP has 10 days to accept or reject. The DPP can "bounce back" the application for "technical" reasons. If the developer satisfies all of "technical" aspects, then the DPP could issue the permit. If the DPP rejects the application, then the developers can also file for a zone change or file a lawsuit. Councilmember Djou agreed with Mayor's representative Quintal that we have to allow due process to the applicant. Councilmember Djou believes that a hunting or fishing cabin would be allowed in the P-2 preservation land. We should wait and see what the DPP does on Friday.
2. The City Council is in recess this week. It will be in session next week. He would be happy to talk about the Neighborhood Board system, the Board of Water Supply (BWS), the Waikiki parades matter, City Charter Commission and recycling.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Board member Reilly had several concerns. There is a Resolution 06-291 before City Council "Establishing a task force to review the effectiveness and efficiency of the Neighborhood Board system." She was concerned about its proposals of elimination of the system, and reviewing the meeting schedule of the boards to determine whether it should be changed to once every other month. Also, she hoped that when forming this task force, it will not be like the agriculture task force, where members were large landowners.

Councilmember Djou pointed out another proposal was for increasing the power and authority of the system. The Neighborhood Board system has been going for thirty years. Like other City departments, a task force is formed to review the whole Neighborhood Board system. He explained how the City Council forms a task force and he would recommend people from the Board's suggestions.

2. Stephanie Spangler asked if it is true that high rise apartments and commercial developments would appear along the rail transit line.

Board member Knudsen pointed out that rail transit was not a concern for the Hawaii Kai area and that the Board of Education (BOE) Candidates Forum was supposed to start at 7:30 p.m.

Chair Muraoka would allow the public to ask only important questions.

3. A resident presented a packet of pictures of contractors who left a mess and an orange fence and asked if they had to clean up the area. Councilmember Djou would follow up.

Chair Muraoka apologized to the Board of Education (BOE) candidates for the delay, but he felt that the public concerns must be heard. He reminded the audience to ask their questions quickly.

4. Natalie Iwasa presented Councilmember Djou a copy of her petition opposing the pilot project on Kaluanui Road.

Chair Muraoka thanked Councilmember Djou.

Senator Sam Slom- (8:20 p.m.) Senator Slom distributed his newsletter and reported the following:

1. Former Governor and Hawaii Kai resident William Quinn died last night. He was the last Territorial Governor and the first State of Hawaii Governor.
2. Concerning absentee ballots, Senator Slom urged everyone to read the instructions carefully. Vote only in one color section or your vote will not count.
3. We avoided a tax increase on the "bottle tax," but there is an increase in the number of complaints, due to the recyclers weighing the containers instead of counting them. The consumers get "short changed" and less money back.

Chair Muraoka thanked Senator Slom.

Senator Fred Hemmings- Senator Hemmings distributed his draft resolution for the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board requesting the City Council and Mayor Hannemann to abandon the rail transit proposal, rescind the one-half percent excise tax increase and to explore and implement alternative transportation solutions, including elevated highways, moving government offices to Kapolei and improving the existing infrastructure.

Chair Muraoka thanked Senator Hemmings.

Representative William "Bud" Stonebraker- No representative was present.

Representative Lyla Berg- (8:24 p.m.) Representative Berg distributed her Neighborhood Board Report and newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. She handed out information about the smoke testing of the sewer lines by Underground Services, Inc., a subcontractor for the Hawaii American Water Co.
2. The Aloha Aina Recycling Community Clean-Up Day is on Saturday, September 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hawaii Kai boat ramp, Maunalua Bay. It is a fundraiser for the Hui Nalu canoe club
3. On Thursday, August 31, four county planning directors will speak on a panel at the Prince Kuhio Radisson hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
4. Last night at the East Honolulu community meeting, an expert panel spoke on "Economic Prosperity for Hawaii" at the Kahala Elementary School Cafetorium. One comment was that "tourism is not sustainable for Hawaii."
5. The Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force "kick off" event was on Saturday, August 26, at the Dole Cannery Ballrooms. They are preparing for an October forum

6. She is working with Kaimuki residents on the "Sunshine Law" and invited Vice Chair Paresa to the meetings.

Chair Muraoka thanked Representative Berg.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative- (8:25 p.m.) Russ Saito, Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) handed out the Governor's Weekly Update and reported the following:

1. Following up on last month's concerns, Saito distributed a flyer on identity theft. Visit the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) website at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca> to get several links to other information to prevent identity theft.
2. Concerning using the University of Hawaii Medical School parking lot, Saito talked to the University of Hawaii and there are three manual locks. Saito suggested that the Board approach the University of Hawaii who hires the security if they want to use the lot.

Chair Muraoka thanked Governor's representative Saito.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

1. The next regular Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at the Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.
2. Broadcasts of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 meetings are on every Tuesday of the month at 9:00 p.m. on Olelo Channel 54. Please check your local TV listings.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, Chair Muraoka adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Board of Education Candidates Forum followed. Vice Chair Tony Paresa moderated the forum and was assisted by Board member Robert Clark. The Board of Education Candidates Forum ended at 10:07 p.m.

Submitted by K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant